

THE PLAN TO RAISE FUNDS

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Conference is drawing nigh, and it seems to me that there ought to be some thinking done by the delegates before they get there. But what shall they think about? I pick up my rude pen and cause thoughts to see whether we can't find something that is of real interest and of great benefit to the church.

As I stand viewing the landscape o'er, I have settled down to the fact that the *greatest need* of the church's financial progress is MONEY.

Yes we all know that, but how to get it. There is one way to get it. We know that men are poor financiers when it comes to raise money for church purposes. There is one financier who never makes any mistakes and him we all ought to invite and set him to be our dictator. I think all ministers and officials especially ought to do so, since they are the leaders; then the laity will fall into line: that is

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of all your income. "Oh, yes"; no doubt some will say, if not the whole convention, "that fellow is half crazed; he saw that in Leviticus xxvii, 30." "And all the tithes of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy to the Lord." "Will a man rob God? yet ye have robbed me; but ye say, where-in have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings." Mal., iii, 8. Yes, there is where I have seen it, and it does my soul good to see how God has cared for the old church whose glory was to be drove away when the new one was ushered in. If it took the tenth of all of the Jew's income to support the Jewish church, which was only a shadow of our church, much more ought it to cost us who have inherited the *real*!

But I hear some say, and not a few either, "I have consecrated all my property to the Lord." I don't believe it. I have never seen that individual yet that has made that pretended consecration, that all of his property went to the Lord at his death. No, it invariably all goes to the children.

If God was successful, and we knew he was, in laying a right principle for the cause that Israel loved, can't we as Christians adopt the same principle for the cause that we love? Is not our cause a nobler and a higher cause than theirs? Did not the love and gratitude that Abraham had toward God cause him to give the tenth of his spoils to Melchisedec when he met him? Gen., xiv, 20. And he is to be the father of all the faithful. If we all would about that system then this begging through the EVANGELIST would be at an end, our ministers

would receive better salaries and I know there would be ten times more preaching done. Men and women then could enter the ministry heartily, knowing that their natural wants would be supplied by the church, and not at a half starving rate either.

I am satisfied if we as a church would adopt that system, in ten years we would show a half dozen of Colleges, and you all know what that means.

Marcus, Iowa.

THE HOPE OF OUR CHURCH.

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It is certain that the hope of our church, for future usefulness in the world, and the carrying out of this great commission of our Lord, is at the present time vested in our children and young people. In fact it is always so, and ever has been, since God blessed faithful Abraham.

This being the case, the one great work of our church and one that should be made most prominent in our coming convention at Ashland, is this developement and encouragement of our young people and their organizations. I am now more convinced than ever that they are a power for good, that no one can estimate. The King's Children are performing a work where they have organized that will only be revealed in the judgment day.

A gentleman told me yesterday that some weeks ago, his mother, living in a distant town, was taken sick and he was called home; when he arrived, he saw a beautiful bouquet in a vase sitting beside the bedside, he also noticed a small card attached. Upon inspection he saw the simple inscription, "From the King's Children," written on the card. —All can see the fitness of this token. The good old mother said, it is the darling Children of the Progressive church. Notwithstanding she is a member of another church, she attends the Progressive church now—the work of the King's children. Perhaps the pastor don't know why that good old mother prefers to come to his church. But she does, so does Jesus.

The five committees in the King's Children Society covers nearly every department of the church work. And they are five roads that lead people to Jesus, and they are five strong pillars upon which a mighty hope can be placed and they are also five sources of strength to our beloved Brotherhood. Now we want co-operation all over the *Brotherhood*. We want all our young people to unite in the grand work. It is just as necessary that our young people should organize and work for and in conjunction with the church, her schools, her publishing interests,

as it is that the Brethren church should exist.

One of the special needs of the Brethren church is literature and the best way to get it is through perfect organization and harmony of plan.

I am more than gratified at the progress our King's Children Society has made in organizations during the past six months, the time it has had a national existence. It

is now in almost every state in which there are Brethren churches. And encouraging reports come in from all sources. I know there have been one or two who have held back, and speculatively wondered whether we had better call it some other name. That is like the man who went hunting and killed a rabbit, and then wondered what his feeling's would have been had it been a bear. Those who went to work and organized have succeeded, and those who complained, are still complaining and will complain until the judgment day. The workers are the ones that succeed. Now let us all be workers and God will bless us in this work.

Let me tell you if you wait until the grumblers go to work and give you something that is faultless, eternity will find you waiting, and grumblers still grumbling.

Do you want a good wholesome literature in the interest of our young people? if so, fall into line and unitedly we can bring about that very thing. It requires just about so much money to run a publishing house, and as long as our church is going to maintain one, we had better put our money into our own institutions and give it the benefit of all the profit there is in it.

Our young people's paper has *not been a failure*, by any means and will not be; and its editors are most truly thankful for the patronage you have given it, and I know it has been appreciated, especially so by the poor children in our churches and societies. I would say right here that I would like to send our "K. C." paper to every little boy or girl that attends, or, can be induced to attend Brethren Sunday schools and our young people's societies, and is too poor to pay twenty cents for the paper. Will you send me the names and address of such? Every young people's society can do a good work in this way, let the society pay for and send the paper to its poor little boys and girls; who will respond to this call?

Now last, but not least, shall we come together at our Ashland Convention with a united pull, a strong pull, for complete union and unanimity of work among our young people? It is the united wish of your National board that every society of young people in the Brethren church be represented at the Ashland convention, and let our representatives come prepared to work, and to abide by the work of the convention.

Now to all who are interested in this work, will you not write me a postal card signifying your willingness to send a delegate to this convention? You are entitled under the constitution to one delegate for each twenty-five members or fraction thereof.

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